

ADDRESS OF THE Carrier TO THE PATRONS OF THE CHRONICLE

In virgin Spring, when flowers bloom again,
And the warm sun thaws winter's icy train,
When crystal brooks steal forth from moss-grown caves,
And kiss the violets sleeping by their waves,
When feathered songsters welcome merry May,
When burst the rose buds, winter steals away,
The punctual devil pays his weekly call,
And with his budget in his arms, he kindly greets you all.

When summers solstice heats the southern breeze,
And unyoked oxen feed beneath the trees,
When ploughmen, weary, seek the cooling shade,
Where, on the grass, the mid-day feast is laid;
And truant school boys hand the quiet nook;
To bathe their burning muscles in the brook;
Nor sun, nor rain, can stop the carrier's knock,
He always comes and brings the news as punctual as a clock.

When autumn, too, her gorgeous robes has won,
And waves her golden harvest in the sun,
And 'neath the festooned grape-vine, rich with fruit,
The ruminating deer lies still and mute,
Or startled, bounds before the baying hounds,
And swift of foot, seeks more secluded grounds;
The hard-worked printer's boy fails not to come,
He toils to get your paper out—then brings it to your home.

Cold winter sighs again among the woods,
And scatters frosty favors on the floods,
Close to the fire you creep, and shut the door,
And vaguely mutter pity for the poor.
You fondly "hope that they won't perish all,"
And shivering, round you wrap the cashmere shawl;
Act justly now, reward the Printer's Devil,
For you he's worked hard all the year, and wants his Christmas revel.

The man that has a noble, generous soul—
A heart and mind cast in a god-like mould,
More pleasure tastes in seeing others play
The few brief moments lingering on their way,
Than if he basks himself in swinish joys,
And on himself alone his means employs.
Heaven never made a man to worship self,
But just decreed that to enjoy, he must divide himself.

But to the miser, make no such appeals,
He grasps a dime until the eagle squeals,
And when to sleep, his eyelids are inclined,
What golden visions dance before his mind!
Just string a dime and drag it o'er the floor—
His eager hand pursues it evermore.
But throw the loop around his neck, you've got him,
For cast in the ocean's depth, 'twill drag him to the bottom.

To rich and poor, alike, the new year comes,
And spreads the groaning tables in your homes,
With choicest luxuries; may brightest joys
Attend your children in their sports and toys.
A tear, unbidden, wets the printer's eye
When others feast and join in revelry;
For rudderless, adrift, his bark doth stray,
And almost without friends or home, on life's tempestuous sea.

Clarksville, Dec. 25, 1857.

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